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Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on December 31, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, up to and including July 1, 2002, are submitted herewith (June 30, 2002, is a Sunday).

Claims 1-26, 44 and 45 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 10, 17, 22, 44 and 45 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants amend claims 1, 2, 15, 18 and 26, and add new claim 46. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-21, 23-26, and 46 will be pending for examination.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 15, 18 and 26 to read as follows. (A marked up version of the amended claims is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.) Also, please add new claim 46 as follows.